

Hall Mills - 105,613 - NOTES

JOHN PIARD

For past 20 years has resided in Lavallette in the summer and Philadelphia in winter. Knows Henry Stevens about 10 years.

OBSERVATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1922.

About noon Wednesday, September 13, 1922, loaded clothing and other articles from their house in Lavallette into his automobile and, in company with his wife, drove to his apartment in Philadelphia. Piard himself loaded the goods in Lavallette and carried them upstairs to his Philadelphia apartment. In doing so he was ruptured. At night went to movies; was bothered considerably by ruptured condition. With an ice bag endeavored to reduce rupture by freezing about midnight, Wednesday. No relief.

Thursday morning, September 14, 1922, lay in bed trying in some way to relieve his pain. On Thursday noon he suggested to his wife that they return to Lavallette, in the hope that the cool air might help him. They took the train leaving Philadelphia at 4.00 P.M. and arriving in Lavallette about 5.45 P.M. On arrival his wife prepared some coffee for him. He rested on a couch a short while, then about 6.30 P.M. walked to the pavilion fronting the beach on Reese Avenue, which is three blocks north of Brown Avenue, the Stevens' home. He remained there from 6.30 Daylight Time until after dark, about 7.30 P.M. Saw many men fishing along the beach and particularly Henry Stevens. Then returned home. His condition grew worse and he informed his wife that he would return to Philadelphia the following day to be operated on.

Friday, the 15th, he was at the Lavallette Station at 7.00 A.M. Daylight Time waiting for the 7.30 train to Philadelphia and, while there, saw Henry Stevens. Talked to him, asked him how the fishing was and how the ducks were coming. Arrived in Philadelphia and at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital at 10.10 A.M. Was operated on at 11.30 A.M., doctors telling him his condition was serious. (Feared the worst and executed his will before the operation. Prefers not to be questioned regarding will unless absolutely necessary.) Fixes the time that he saw Henry Stevens as 6.50 P.M., September 14, 1922.

REASONS FOR REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 14, 1922.

"How could I ever forget that it was the crisis of my life?" Said to his wife as they were leaving Lavallette, "I may never come back to Lavallette".